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Dear Mr. McCone:

In connection with the proposals that the U. S. has made at the ENDC, you may recollect that we have proposed with our freeze on strategic delivery vehicles a freeze on anti-ballistic missile defenses as well. Questions have arisen as to whether it would be either feasible or desirable to try to include under the freeze some defense systems that might have capability primarily against relatively short-range ballistic missiles and high-altitude aircraft. During the last few weeks we have been attempting to determine where the limits might most desirably be drawn, and which criteria might be most useful, in distinguishing between those defense systems the development and production of which would be prohibited and those that might be permitted.

Also, the question of the desirability of trying to impose limitations on testing of ABM systems has arisen in connection with the report of the Interagency Task Force on Prototype Testing and Bill Foster's letter to you recommending a U. S. position based on the findings of that Task Force. Finally, it has seemed to us desirable that we consider whether a freeze on strategic delivery systems that did not include an ABM freeze could be acceptable to the U. S. since the USSR can probably be expected to prefer, and might raise, such an alternative.

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The Honorable
John A. McCone,
Director of Central Intelligence.

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Considering that these questions regarding the way in which ABM defenses should be handled in the context of the SNDV freeze proposal have not been resolved by our efforts to date, we have concluded that probably we should now attempt to deal with them by convening a task force consisting of experts from the DOD, CIA, this Agency, and others from outside the government.

We believe the task force should consider in the context of our SNDV freeze proposal:

- (1) the question of the definition of ABM systems to be affected by the freeze and the associated verification requirements and capabilities;
- (2) the interaction between limitations on ABM and air defense systems, including the defenses of our allies, and the desirability and feasibility of including some limitations that might constrain both;
- (3) the implications of including a freeze on ABM deployment and the question of acceptability to us of not doing so;
- (4) the desirability and implications of including those limitations on testing of ABM systems that the Task Force on Prototype Testing considered were feasible.

It is anticipated that the task force would meet intermittently during the next two months and deliver a report of its findings in August which would then be used in developing a U. S. position on the above questions for consideration by the Committee of Principals.

If you concur in our suggestion that such an effort is desirable, we would like your support. We have discussed with, and are in agreement with, Dr. Wheelon on the question of desirable participation by personnel from his office. We would, of course, also welcome participation from other parts of the CIA if you think it appropriate.

Sincerely,

Adrian S. Fisher

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Acting Director

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